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TAGS: MILI, NZ

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR END USE CHECK

REF: 10 FAM 750, MC CASE NO 71-74Z

1. STERLING ARMAMENT CO. OF UK MANUFACTURES AR-18 AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND AR-180 SEMI-AUTOMATICS UNDER LICENSE FROM ARMALITE, INC., OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA. UNDER TERMS OF OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL APPROVAL OF MANUFACTURING AGREEMENT, STERLING MAY NOT EXPORT RIFLES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT.

2. STERLING HAS APPLIED FOR APPROVAL TO EXPORT 30 CALIBER 5.56 AR-180 SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES TO KELLY (ROTORUA) LTD., P. O. BOX 1441 ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND. END USE IS STATED TO BE RESALE TO COMMERCIAL MEAT HUNTERS, WHO OPERATE FROM HELICOPTERS.

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3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE END USE CHECK, DETERMINE BONA FIDES OF COMPANY, STATED END USE, LIKELYHOOD OF DIVERSION, AND RECOMMEND DISPOSITION OF STERLING APPLICATION.
FYI: AR-180S HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE FAVORED AS SNIPER RIFLES BY NORTHERN IRISH DISSIDENTS. VANCE

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Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
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Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
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